

### STOP THOSE WHO WOULD SAVE CASTRO

(Mr. DIAZ-BALART asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, they cannot have it both ways on Castro. Here, Business Week quotes a fellow named Andreas who is a businessman who is lobbying for Castro. It says the embargo has been a total failure; it ought to be ended.

Then you have got Time Magazine saying the purpose of Castro's visit to New York was very specific: He is desperate to end the embargo. With no more subsidies from the Soviet Union, the economy has ground to a halt. Normalized trade with a huge market 90 miles north would make all the difference for Castro. If the embargo is not working, why is Castro so desperate to get rid of it?

We have got two groups lobbying for Castro. We have the capitalists who want to take advantage of the slave economy and exploit Cuban workers, and we have the ideologues, like a couple of our colleagues, who drooled all over Castro to give him gifts when he went to New York. They are in concert now. They are in coalition.

But we will press forward with Helms-Burton. The American people cannot stand Castro. They know what he is doing to the Cuban people. We are going to succeed, in stopping him. We are going to succeed in passing Helms-Burton and preventing this coalition of capitalists and ideologues from saving him.

### WHAT IS THE TRAIN WRECK?

(Mr. DURBIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DURBIN. Madam Speaker, we are coming to the close of this congressional session, but it is the toughest part. You see, the Republicans have passed the Gingrich budget which makes deep cuts in Medicare, imposes new taxes on working families and, frankly, President Clinton and many of the congressional Democrats have said we find this unacceptable.

So how will Speaker GINGRICH force through these changes? What he suggested we do is, frankly, to have the so-called train wreck, in other words, we do not appropriate money for Federal agencies so they have to turn out the lights, and even worse, we would basically not extend the debt ceiling of the United States as is necessary.

What is the debt ceiling? It is basically the full faith and credit of this Government behind our financial obligations. Now, there is a coalition of 130 Republicans led by a Michigan Republican Member of this House who has come up with suggestions to the Treasury Department printed in this morning's Washington Times about how they can get by even if we do not ex-

tend the debt ceiling. Do you know what they suggest, these Republicans? They suggest that we do not send the refunds to people for their income tax returns next year. That is one of their bright ideas.

The second one is, do not put money in the Social Security trust fund. That is the height of irresponsibility.

### A BALANCED BUDGET AND THE DEBT CEILING

(Mr. SMITH of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I would suggest to the previous speaker, learn the facts and that would enhance everybody's conclusion of what is best for this country.

I am usually not critical on a partisan basis. But looking at what some of the Democrats have suggested, looking at what Secretary Rubin looks into that television camera and tells the American people is less than the honest truth.

I think it is important, No. 1, that we end up with a balanced budget in this country. I think it is important that we use the single, sole leverage that we have, and that is holding back the vote on yet again increasing the debt ceiling of the United States of America. We have increased this debt ceiling 77 times since 1940. It has become a matter of tradition. I say it is enough.

I say let us do what was done in 1985 and 1986 during Gramm-Rudman. Let us do what was done to President Bush in 1990. Let us use the debt ceiling vote as leverage.

I would ask everybody to attend the Joint Committee on Policy meeting tomorrow at 10 a.m.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO WORLD CHAMPION ATLANTA BRAVES

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on Saturday night in Atlanta, Justice was served—served a high fastball he parked in the right field seats.

That was all the help Tom Glavine would need. With one of the greatest pitching performances of all time, the Atlanta Braves won the World Series—they are world champions.

Since day one, the Braves were on a mission—a quest. They dug deep within themselves to find the courage, the raw courage, to win the NL East—to beat the Rockies, the Reds, and, finally, the Cleveland Indians—the second best team in baseball.

The old saying—great pitching beats great hitting—held true. The Braves' pitchers were too much for the Indians. But another old saying did not hold true. Nice guys do not always finish last. Congratulations to the World

Champion Atlanta Braves. Go Braves, go Braves, go Braves.

### INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO REINFORCE OUR COMMON BOND

(Mr. ROTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROTH. Madam Speaker, yesterday we almost witnessed the divorce of a nation. Our great friend and neighbor to the north, Canada, just narrowly avoided splitting in two over linguistic and cultural differences. Canada may yet split up, and linguistic tensions there were not erased by the razor-thin victory of unity yesterday.

Canada's example is a cautionary tale for the United States. We are the most diverse nation in the world. We have over 190 languages here. They have only two.

Within 5 years, one out of every seven Americans will not speak English. We have to make English our official language so we can keep that commonality, so we can keep one Nation, one language, one people. It is important, as important as never before.

So I am asking the Members here to sign onto the bill, H.R. 739, so we can keep our commonality. I have introduced this legislation that seeks to reinforce the common bond that holds our country together, the English language.

We encourage people to study other languages and speak another language at home, but when you vote, when you work with the Government, it has to be done in the English language so we can keep that commonality.

### TAXPAYER-FUNDED POLITICAL ADVOCACY

(Mr. LARGENT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LARGENT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support a much needed lobbying reform measure which would put an end to what has come to be known in Washington as Welfare for Lobbyists. I am quite certain that if taxpayers knew that their hard earned money is being spent to subsidize the political activity of certain Federal grant recipients, they would be as outraged as I am over this practice.

As Members of Congress, we have been entrusted by the citizens of this country to oversee how Federal tax dollars are spent. If we continue to allow the incestuous practice of taxpayer-subsidized political activity, we will have betrayed this trust.

We are in the middle of a budget battle. We are trying to reign in wasteful Government spending in the name of fiscal responsibility. How can we face our constituents and say that we have